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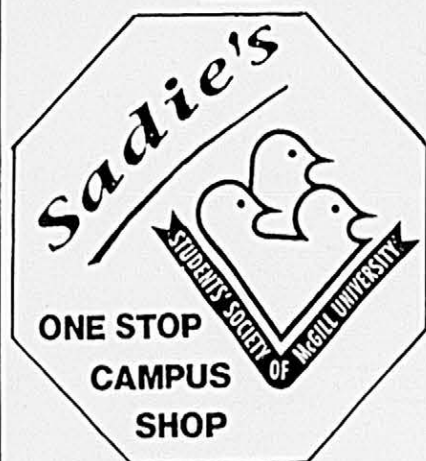
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City proposes revitalizing Ste-Catherine street

Some merchants fear gangs, other weirdos

BY MIA BAUDRY

A plan to revitalize Ste Catherine street that includes reducing traffic, better commercial planning, and providing more green space and living conditions will be presented to the city in mid-November.

The plan, presented by the Commission d'Initiative et de Développement Économique de Montréal (CIDEM), and the Société d'Habitation et de Développement urbain de Montréal (SHDU), raised some fears among merchants and residents that turning Ste-Catherine into a partly pedestrian street would attract gangs and other troublemakers.

Their fears originated from an initial proposal from Montréal mayor Jean Doré, which included the entire closure of Ste-Catherine from Papineau to Atwater during the weekend.

The new plan would involve a scaled down version of Doré's pedestrian paradise and concentrate more on the economic and residen-



Cruising the red light district.

DAILY PHOTO: TOM WHITE

tial revitalization of the street.

Renaud Paradis, assistant director for the downtown module of the CIDEM and his colleague Michel Dupras, commissioner for the CIDEM, will be the principal authors of this report. They insist that nothing too extreme will be done.

"The idea is to create small street animations and demonstrations," said Paradis. "In order to rejuvenate Montréal, and its downtown core, we will favor housing on Ste-Catherine since it has as much business as it can handle."

"A different approach is needed, and that will have to be accepted by all merchants and institutions on Ste-Catherine street," said Paradis.

Roger Graton, coordinator for special projects at the SHDU who is involved with the proposal, said that it is necessary for Ste-Catherine to be revitalized.

"We want to revitalize Ste-Catherine, not make drastic changes to it," said Graton. "This will imply many different stages for every culturally different part of the street."

"Ste-Catherine is heterogeneous and we want that to remain, however we would also like the street to keep its overall symbolism."

Graton added that "no action plan will be submitted to the city without full consent of merchants, institutions and residents."

Jean-Claude Marsan, dean of the faculty of urban planning at the Université de Montréal, said that Doré's original proposal to completely close the street was impossible.

"Jean Doré's proposal is an idea

of the 70's," said Marsan. "Automobile circulation is a part of the street's culture and cannot be eliminated."

Security concerns are also a major factor according to Graton. Fears have been raised that making Ste-Catherine a pedestrian mall may result in what Doré called a "drug and alcohol fest."

"This may turn into a circus, pushing residents away instead of attracting them," said Graton. "Maximum security will be needed."

Students would also play a major role in the revitalization of Ste-Catherine, according to Graton.

"Students are precious to us because they represent a big part of the street's clientele," said Graton. "I would like to know more about how they see Ste-Catherine, and if they have any ideas about what can be done to revitalize the street."

Students interested in participating in the revitalization proposal can get in touch with Mia Baudry at the Daily.

Black high school teacher victim of racial harassment

BY KATIE PICKLES

An African-Canadian high school teacher told a harrowing story of harassment and abuse at a Black Students' Network meeting Wednesday.

William Kafé, a teacher in the Two Mountains district, calmly told a crowd of about sixty people that he had endured continued racial harassment from staff and students over the past 10 years.

"I have been the target of harassment, discrimination, and torture by both the school board and their students for many years," said Kafé, who teaches English as a second language, French as a first language, morals and religion.

Kafé has been on sick leave since February 1991 for an anxiety-depressive state that he said was caused by trauma on the job.

"My first taste of physical violence occurred when one student walked behind me in class kicking me while shouting 'if the nigger dies, what does it matter?'" said Kafé.

Kafé said this incident was only the beginning of an endless stream of attacks on Kafé by students, at the various schools in which he has taught. Incidents have included turning his classroom into an African dance hall, and renaming Kafé "Zoulu-Zoulu-Afrique."

"Students in my class said 'what can a nigger teach? You are not supposed to be my teacher, you are supposed to be my slave; didn't you watch Roots?'"

Kafé said he had also faced discrimination from the Two Mountains School Board.

In the late 1970s, backed by his union, Kafé accused the School Board of unjustly extending his probation period. Kafé claimed that

throughout his time working for the school board, the board has deliberately tried to make him appear incompetent. He was also frequently transferred from school to school, within the district.

Kafé said the Board consistently gave him too heavy a workload. He said he is often assigned students who are slow learners, and should be in special classes. Kafé also complained of last-minute course changes.

Today, the Québec Human Rights Commission Tribunal is

hearing Kafé's case. Kafé's involvement with the Commission goes back to 1984, when the teacher's union representative at his school complained to the Commission.

Hearings on that case continued until 1988, when Kafé signed an out of court agreement. Kafé said that as soon as he had signed, the School Board director started harassing him on the phone.

"I was told that I would not last if I didn't resign," Kafé said the director offered him \$11 000 to resign.

Since then Kafé has returned to court, with fresh accusations, and in September 1991 a judgement was passed in his favour. The school board has appealed, so hearings have resumed. The first hearing in June was favourable, and Kafé is optimistic about his final appearances this month.

Kafé accused the school board of trying to influence a doctor with whom he was a patient, to change his medical report.

"They have spread false and malicious rumours, and have tried

to prove me wrong to the Human Rights Commission. The School Board said to me, 'a nigger cannot defend himself.'"

Kafé said many of his students were supportive, and the Teachers' union had helped him a great deal.

"But the union cannot support one person for so long," said Kafé.

In 1984 a teacher from Haiti was beaten in his classroom by students. He resigned from his position.

Representatives of the Two Mountains' school board did not return the Daily's calls.

Scientists say they're no cult

TV program raises concerns of cult attributes but church claims its deceptive

BY GLYNN ROBINSON

Supporters of the Church of Scientology were on McGill College last Wednesday to protest what they saw as the degradation of their religion.

The supporters, about 50 in number, were upset by a program running Wednesday night on Radio-Canada. A the cult watchdog group, Infosecte, slams the Church of Scientology in the program for brainwashing and abusing of members.

Scientists say the program is hate mongering. But Infosecte claims that it tells the truth which must be made known.

Marc Daragon, Montréal president of the Church of Scientology, said that the program was biased in favour of Infosecte, a group that is known for its anti-religious views.

"Infosecte is a criminal, antireligious agency which practices kidnapping and tries to change sexual, political and religious be-

liefs," said Daragon. "Radio-Canada's TV Enjeux is airing a program on the Church of Scientology which tells only the point of view of Infosecte."

But, Mike Kropveld, Director of Montréal's Cult Project at Infosecte, said that the protesters were overlooking the issues of massive corruption and abuse from within the Church of Scientology.

"If we are criminals why do they not call the police or take us to court," said Kropveld. "This is typical of the type of misinformation they use to emotionalize and derail the issue hoping that individuals will not verify it."

"This is an organization with a history of abuse — they were fined a quarter of a million for stealing government documents."

Daragon continued his rant against Radio-Canada, accusing it of practising unbalanced journalism. He claimed that the program "TV Enjeux", which ran the story, refused to give the scientist

point of view.

"We asked for an interview with 'TV Enjeux' and were refused," said Daragon. "No good can come out of this propaganda. I want a human rights investigation into the program."

Francine Tremblay, a researcher for "TV Enjeux" at Radio-Canada disputed Daragon's claim. She said that he was given an opportunity to speak, but that he demanded unreasonable conditions.

"We invited Marc Daragon to be interviewed for the program, but he would only accept under the guarantee of many conditions," said Tremblay. "One of the conditions he wanted was to be able to retract his interview up to forty hours after it was made, and this was unacceptable to us."

Micheline Lecavalier, one of the protesters and a Church of Scientology member, said that Infosecte should not be trusted as a reliable source of criticism.

"Infosecte lost their Federal

Funding this year. Infosecte denies spirituality," said Lecavalier. "They are biased. How can they be experts on our books if they have never read our books."

Lecavalier also handed out pamphlets entitled *Danger Anti-Religious Psychologists and Deprogrammers on Campus*.

According to Kropveld, the Scientist have a history of abuse, corruption and intimidation against its critics. He noted that he himself has been a target of the Church's slander campaign, due to his involvement against them.

"The Church of Scientology uses incomplete information to make fantastical leaps of logic which are totally unsupportable," said Kropveld. "Often they will attempt character assassinations by distributing poor quality photocopies of incomplete articles highlighting what they want you to read about their victim."

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comment

Your most important democratic right

The strategy is to get everyone convinced that democracy is nothing more than a once-every-four-years mark on a piece of paper. Then, make damn sure the only choices open to them are fully under your control.

In the meantime, do whatever you want (you voted for the people making the laws, after all), and if anyone complains tell them they had their chance in the last election — for now, they'll just have to wait.

It's not a conscious program, of course, but since those who control public discourse in the U.S. and Canada have an interest in that sort of message, it's what gets across.

The proof is in the selection offered in tomorrow's U.S. election. Bush, one of the most evil men in recent history, and Perot, amusingly loony but just as evil, are plainly unacceptable. But that doesn't make Bill Clinton, the incredible plastic humanoid, any better, which is why the adulation he's getting from stateside progressives makes me so sick.

Sure there are good things about him — but there are many, many more bad things, which make it certain that even if the Reagan Revolution is stalled, people whose lives are ruined by the policies advocated by the next president of the U.S. are not going to feel any real change.

Just think of Arkansas's chicken industry and in particular near-billionaire Don Tyson. Both have profited at workers' expense by Clinton's advocacy of anti-union "Right to Work" laws, loose environmental and worker safety regulations, and dangerously lax inspection resulting in salmonella-soaked chicken.

If anything is going to change, either with the U.S.'s leadership or Canada's constitution, it's not going to come through electoral democracy. Those already in power have so much control over any choices which might end up on a ballot, that no vote can truly put them out of power. As they say, if voting could change the system, it would be illegal.

For any real democracy to exist, people must be persistent in actively expanding their democratic rights and must not give in to electoral circuses. No one can ever assume that those who hold the reins have any interest in giving the horses real power.

So if you're looking for real change, don't just vote for the lesser of three evils. Think of widespread activism which will force the political elite to change their ways. It's difficult, but it can happen — one such effort resulted in the Americans with Disabilities Act, an amazingly progressive piece of legislation to defend the rights of people with disabilities, squeezed out of the Bush administration by a network of devoted activists.

But if you agree with the talking heads that voting is your most important democratic right, you'll be reduced to choosing who's going to exploit you. And I don't think that's a meaningful choice.

Dan Robins



hyde park

Racism out of place at McGill

Opinion submitted by the McGill Anti-Racism Working Group.

Perhaps you have seen or heard of occurrences this year at McGill that have disturbed you. The showing of a film reinforcing stereotypes. Racist comments during classes. Offensive graffiti of slurs.

McGill, as any university, is a microcosm of the world surrounding it. In many ways this aspect of McGill can be positive. For example, insofar as it fosters debate and understanding. However, McGill is not immune to the problems that the rest of the world faces, among them the problems of intentional and unintentional discrimination.

The McGill Anti-Racism Working Group is a newly-formed organization with the objective of working against discrimination based on race or religion. The focus of the working group is the student body and campus of McGill University. To achieve these and other ends the group will endeavor to forge links with other Montréal organizations that are presently

working against racial and religious discrimination, among them McGill clubs and related interests.

Within the group there are four committees: the Campus Watch Committee, which will monitor and analyze affairs on campus, and work to increase campus awareness of relevant issues; the Investigation Committee, which will research existing structures at McGill and other universities which respond to complaints of racial or religious harassment, with the aim of improving and/or establishing effective race relations mechanisms at McGill; the Events Committee, which will be responsible for organizing all events of the Anti-Racism Working Group; and the Publicity Committee, which will publicize the group and its events (and write articles like these to let you know what's going on!).

Current projects include the planning of a movie night, events to mark the International Day for the

Elimination of Racial Prejudice on March 21, the development of an audit reporting incidents at McGill, and the creation of a Suggestion and Grievance Box into which members of the McGill community can drop comments or reports of incidents on campus to which they would like a response. Membership in the McGill Anti-Racism Working Group is open.

Racial and religious discrimination have no place at McGill — very few people would argue that. But saying that discrimination is bad accomplishes very little. What is required is active and reactive planning to make McGill, microcosm that it is, a positive example of people working together against racism. Fundamentally, that's what the McGill Anti-Racism Working Group is all about.

If you have any questions, please drop a note in the Anti-Racism Working Group's box by the SSMU desk in the Union Building. Our next meeting will be held today at 18h, in room 1180 of the west wing of 550 Sherbrooke. Everyone is welcome.

All readers are welcome to submit letters under 300 words. Add your name, program, year and telephone number. Anonymity can be provided; talk to an editor beforehand. Opinions can be expressed in the form of a Hyde Park, no more than 500 words.

letters

To the Daily,

Re: Idiomatic mistakes in French spelling in 'Conference to examine Cégeps'

Re: Your idiotic comment stating that "Dave is from Ontario."

Oh! I should have guessed he was from Ontario. That probably makes him a moron, right? But if he is so incompetent, why does he work for a newspaper that is intended to represent the student body? If someone from outside has read this article, s/he is going to have a great opinion of our

incompetence. It makes for a great image, really! Although my comment might have been "rough", I believe it was necessary.

Marylène Gagné
U2 Arts

To the Daily,

To Robin Rattray, re: "No such thing as a Caribbean accent", Oct. 22.

First of all we would like to apologize if we offended. It is not our intention to offend you, promulgate stereotypes or make anyone uncomfortable. Our

intention is to make public a number of incidents that have been occurring on and off campus as they are reported to us.

The reason we do this is because there has recently been a frightening rise in the number of people, especially women, who have been followed, harassed, attacked and assaulted in the McGill area. As fear and panic grows, so, it seems, does the silence. The police are not willing to reveal details of the situation and so we are left knowing nothing except that we are afraid. To

give us back a little control we have decided to begin publishing, with the help of the *Daily* and the *Tribune*, a weekly column of incidents reported to us for the express purpose of public disclosure. We do not make up these reports or the descriptions that accompany them, but hand them over to you as they come to us.

So, while we find your concerns valid, and understand the fact that 'there is no such thing as a Caribbean accent' these are the descriptions that we received. You will note that most of the

descriptions we receive are vague, no matter what the colour of the aggressor. If you would like to be part of the process, talk to us about how we could better present these reports so as to be less offensive to you, please contact us, our door is always open, room 410 in the Union building.

In closing I would just like to clarify a small but important point. If by 'enthusiasm' you mean our quest to have a greater understanding of the violence all around us and done to us so

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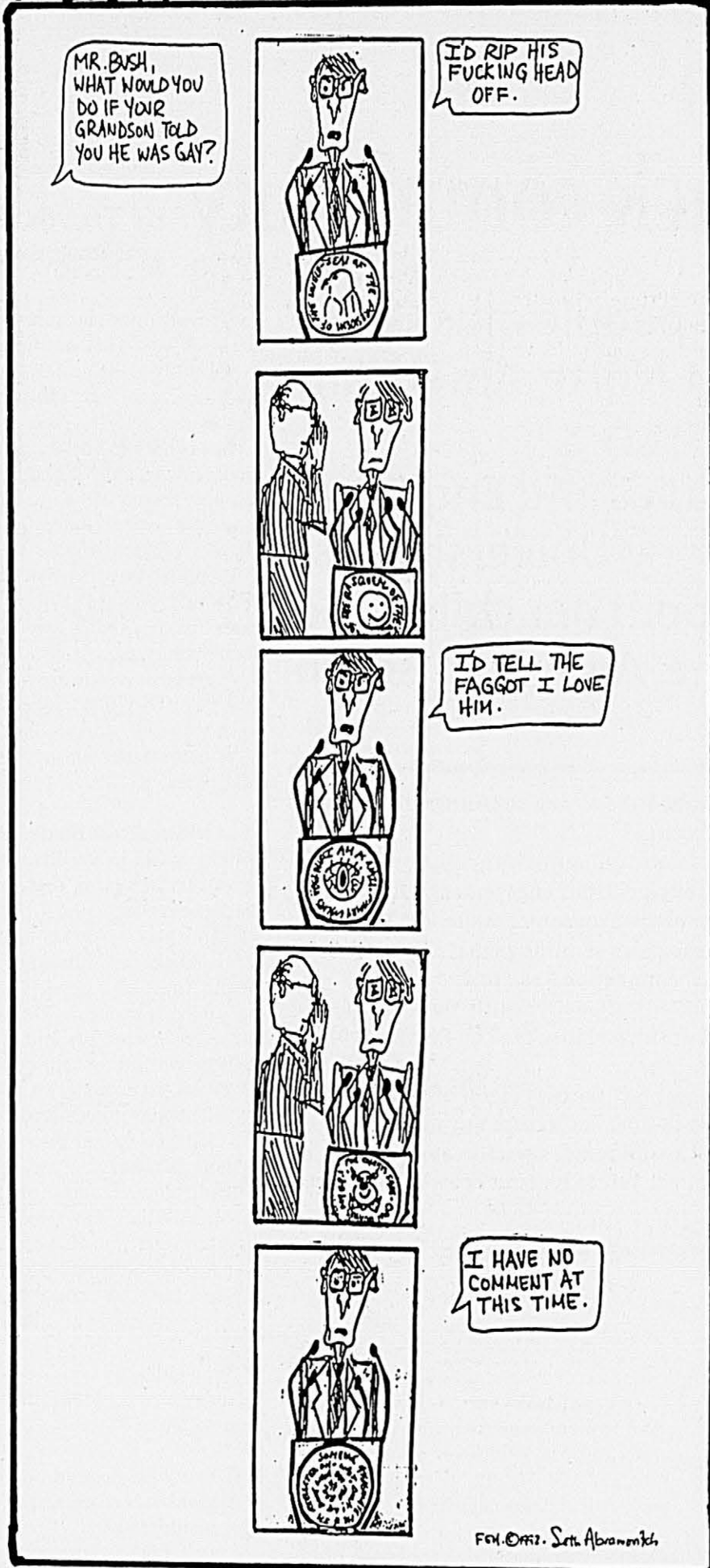
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Less funding for Ontario and N.S.

Lowest in per capita funding for students, according to report

TORONTO (CUP)—Ontario universities receive significantly less provincial funding than universities in other provinces, a recent report shows.

The Council of Ontario Universities (COU) report on the financial position of universities in Ontario shows only Nova Scotian universities receive less provincial funding than universities in Ontario.

In 1989-90, the Ontario government was ranked ninth among the provinces, granting \$6474 per full-time student, while Newfoundland ranked first, granting \$8233.

"Ontario is unique in that the level of operating grants from government was far below average ...and declined faster and further than in most other provinces," the council's report states.

But Alison Hegarty, Ontario universities and colleges grant administration officer, said the COU's numbers are misleading because they compare the provincial funding on a per student basis, and Ontario has a high number of students compared to other provinces.

"This only proves we're the most efficient province," said Hegarty, "I

don't think there is a problem with funding if you look at it on a per student basis."

COU argues that no matter which indicator is used, Ontario universities are among the most poorly funded in the country.

"Whether on a per student basis, on a per capita of provincial population basis, or on the basis of some measure of wealth or income, Ontario universities rank at or near the bottom," the report states.

And although the Ontario government has promised a funding increase of two per cent for the next two academic years, these increases are already below the projected rate of inflation and will not redress the inter-provincial imbalance. Moreover, there is concern that even these grants will be eroded.

Many Ontario universities are attempting to offset decreasing operating grants by tuition hikes—a solution some students reject.

"The impact has been less accessibility," said Marcella Munro, campaigns coordinator for the Ontario Federation of Students. "Between 1981-82 and 1991-92, there has been an 88 per cent increase in tuition for university students."

news brief

Legal Aid Clinic to pay rent

BY DANI COLT & SUSAN VIVIAN

The Students' Society has taken another step in its imperial quest to conquer the Union building. The target this time is the Legal Information Clinic.

The Students' Society and the Legal Information Clinic are currently negotiating an agreement where the clinic would be paying "maintenance fees" for the privilege of maintaining their space in the Union Building. These fees are based on the same square foot rate currently paid by the Daily.

"It would be unfair to the Daily if other independent groups got space for free," said Monique Shebbeare, vp university affairs. "We must be consistent in our policy."

Both the Daily and the Legal Clinic are autonomous student groups guaranteed space on campus by the university. But the new

Students' Society letter of agreement with the university gives them full control over the use of space in the Union Building.

The Clinic is asking for a fee increase at the next student referendum. The money would permit Legal Information to pay for the maintenance fees.

Lucie Poirier, chairperson of the Clinic, believes that the fees are a "fair calculation".

"In principle, we do agree with the Students' Society policy. It's only fair that we have to pay a portion of what it costs," she said. "In order to maintain a good relationship with the Society we have agreed to it."

The Students' Society tried to get CKUT to pay \$18 500 rent last year but backed down when it became apparent the station could not possibly afford it. The Daily has been paying \$14 000 rent to the Students' Society since 1991. Student fees to the Daily did not increase at that time.

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that we can better guard against it, than yes, we are enthusiastic.

Fiona Deller, Walk-Safe co-ordinator
Mary Margaret Jones, Sexual Assault
Center co-ordinator

To the Daily,
Passage of the Charlottetown Accord would be a bracing medicinal measure, only. The accord is a vaccine consisting of a greatly weakened version of sovereignty-association, similar schools of thought in sub-federal Canadian nationalism. Once using it, the traditional sea-to-sea independent federal democracy of Canada could more easily attain to the brilliant future how patiently indeed earned and re-earned by it.

Just one truly worthy goal thus rendered realizable with greater ease, would be maintaining good Canadian

standing in the U.N. Human Development Report.

Norman Sholem Lazanik
Freelance Writer

To the Daily,
An open letter for Daniel Koffler, president of Hillel House.

As a proud Palestinian, I suffer everyday from the fact that my country had been occupied and that my people had been oppressed for more than 50 years. You suggested that we should stop playing the role of victims but what if there is no other role that expresses and matches our condition. Do you call the people who have been since 1948 thrown out of their homes or beaten constantly by soldiers or thrown every now and then into jails other than victim?

Concerning the peace talks, our

experiences throughout our painful history taught us that peace in the Middle East is a dream. I don't mean that I am against peace but I am constantly hoping for a better life.

If you saw the news on Oct. 7, '92, you would have understood (I hope) our behaviour towards any peace movement. The image of an Israeli soldier grabbing a young, unarmed and helpless woman and shoving her into his van and the way soldiers showered young Palestinians who were throwing stones with live ammunition puts your state of mind in a dilemma: peace or no peace.

Finally, here is a message to you (my friend): We want peace so badly because we want to go back where we belong and live peacefully without any more grief. But our definition of peace does not mean we will give up our beliefs and

rights nor does it mean giving up parts of our country to the Israelis in exchange for peace with them. It means a dignified solution for us where we won't be created as second class citizens nor as refugees.

Baja'a Salim
U1 Arts

To the Daily,

We are writing to express our disgust and concern in reference to the cartoon "Crampus" that appeared in the October 22 issue of the Daily. Two of the captions in the cartoon stated "Engineering Society: Gang rape and Pub Crawl" and "McGill Arts Faculty: Gang Rape and Pub Crawl". We were shocked to see such blatant slander appear in the pages of the Daily, a newspaper who usually only embarrasses those who deserve it.

Gang rape and violence against women under no circumstances is at all funny, and as the student representatives from Engineering and Arts, we are extremely offended that the Daily would ever associate such a serious crime with either one of our societies or faculties. Especially in light of the fact that both the Engineering Undergraduate Society and the Arts Undergraduate Society is morally and monetarily committed to supporting Walksafe, the group that specifically is out to protect women from the horrible crimes you referred to in your cartoon, we take great exception to any accusation that either one of our societies or faculties would have anything but utter disdain for violence against women.

Mark Luz, president Arts
Undergraduate Society
Kevin Broadt, president Engineering
Undergraduate Society

An interview with bell hooks & the Black community by Trevor Burnett

Inequality, feminism

American feminist bell hooks says people must learn to think in a new way and reject North American consumer culture.

Hooks, a professor of Women's Studies and English at Oberlin College, Ohio, spoke at York University last week. She told her large audience about her childhood experiences attending school in the American south during the civil rights movement.

"Back then the struggle was against racism. Today it also includes sexism, imperialism and classism," hooks said.

But hooks cautioned that many people speak passionately about freedom for all but their actions in public and private life help to maintain the culture of domination.

She emphasized that a revolution of values was necessary in order to have a transformed society.

Hooks also attacked the hypocrisy of "family values" championed in the mass media, calling them a way for America's ruling class to maintain domination.

Hooks cited the many instances of women being beaten, raped or murdered in households where traditional family values were being upheld. She said that Blacks were being convinced that racism can be pardoned by establishing a strong Black male patriarchy.

Hooks also scorned the strong consumer mentality in North American society.

"If those of us who are committed to a culture of freedom aren't willing to relinquish our engagement with the perverse values of competitive consumer capitalism, we cannot represent by the examples of our lives that it is possible to break [apart from] domination," she said.

Hooks was also critical of previously destitute people who had attained wealth and then took on the values of the ruling class.

Hooks cited some Blacks as the biggest offenders.

"Some of us act as if we can excuse our materialism by suggesting that our willingness to act in complicity with competitive consumer values is about reparations for the past."

People seem to use the word "feminist" to mean contradictory things. In your opinion what does the word really mean?

I don't think that feminism is just about women, or respect for women. Feminism is a political movement to end sexism and sexist oppression. In that sense it's not just for women or about women. It's about all of us.

That means women who are sexist have to unlearn their sexism and men who are sexist have to unlearn theirs. I think people misunderstand feminism when they don't see it as a political movement but see it as a lifestyle thing, or see it as women against men. That's not what feminism is about.

There are different types of feminism — radical, Marxist, conservative, and so on. Which ones would you agree with or disagree with?

I'm not supportive of breaking feminism down into all these categories because they seem to be a way of trying to accommodate people who are more reformist. Your strategies may be reformist. Some strategies may be more radical.

Lately I've been thinking a lot about why it is people won't take a fundamental stand against patriarchy. And you can't take a fundamental stand against patriarchy as long as you're trying to come up with ways to keep one foot in and one foot out. I think we have to keep in mind what our central political agenda is. If it's to end sexism and sexist oppression then it's a radical agenda — a

subversive agenda.

I think it's very telling that when Black women and women of colour in general critique the racism within the feminist movement we're suddenly told "but how can you say 'feminist movement.' There are all

"You can't take a fundamental stand against patriarchy as long as you're trying to come up with ways to keep one foot in and one foot out."

these different kinds." But many of us didn't hear about all those different kinds until we started saying there are some fundamental problems with how you conceptualize the feminist movement and feminist thinking.

Where can Black feminism and white feminism meet and what are the differences?

For me there's no difference between Black feminism and white feminism. There are progressive Black women who advocate specific notions of feminism that have to do with Black experience. I meet with anybody including white women who are struggling to end sexism and sexist oppression. Now, the nature of that struggle, given the nature of our race and class, might be different.

What's your analysis of the cause of inequality in North America? Is it more race, class, or gender-based?

It's very clear to all of us that there are interlocking systems of domination that are race, class, and gender-bound. They come together as a whole, as a tripartite system of domination, and we might add imperialism to that.

If we look at something like the Gulf War, we can see on all levels how race, gender, class and imperialist values determine U.S. policy in the Gulf. But you couldn't take just one factor, isolate it and say it was really about imperialism, because it was also about racism. It's about the continued anti-Arab, anti-Muslim sentiment in the U.S. All of those kinds of things that have been cultivated in the last several years and the whole sort of construction of Iraq as evil and the U.S. as Godly and Christian.

So it's not more race based or gender based?

I'm saying that there are different circumstances. The recent riots in L.A. were

class-based protests because you didn't have rich Black folks in L.A. out burning anything. So obviously those protest were not just a function of racial rage. They were a function of racial rage and class rage.

One of our problems is that we don't talk about class that much in Black life. So you can have newscasters come out and say "Black people are rioting!" But in fact it was a specific class of Black people.

There are a lot of rich Black people in L.A. who would not burn anything and it didn't mean that they didn't have rage about the Rodney King verdict. It meant that they probably have other vehicles for the expression of their rage. They don't have to be burning down stores, or stealing diapers and toilet paper, because they can buy their diapers and toilet paper.

Some whites accuse Blacks who speak out against racism in a militant way of being racist themselves. Is that possible? Can Blacks be racist?

I think people who say that have no understanding of the institutionalized nature of racism. Those kind of people usually think that prejudice is racism. Racism isn't prejudice solely. Racism is about domination. If white people just thought we were ugly and stinky and left us alone, we'd be happy. The fact is, it's the institutionalized forms of power. So I don't think that Black people can be racist in that sense.

Black people can have prejudicial xenophobic attitudes, but we don't have that institutionalized power over the lives of white people to determine that they can't have jobs and they can't have housing. Those are the forms of racism most of us are evoking when we talk about racism and white supremacy not "you just don't like me cause I'm Black," because you may not like me, but you could leave me alone.

If you could choose an economic system that would end racism, sexism and classism what would it be?

I don't think we have any living example of any economic system solely that gets at those things. I'm interested in a democratic socialist anti-materialist construction of society. But I don't see any examples of that or a vision of how one would dismantle all those other forms of domination. They wouldn't be dismantled by economics alone.

We can look at archaic societies in ancient times and see that men and women still had sex-gendered systems. So the idea that it's just advanced capitalism, or modern day economic systems that produce sexism or racism seem to me to be too easy.

There are some in the Black community that think by embracing socialism, our problems would be basically solved. But then there's always Cuba, where racism is still present and our people are still oppressed.

It's interesting that people want to see a sense of solely economic solutions, because that means that we don't have to deal with issues of the spirit and where people are beyond materialism.

-Toronto (CUP)

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watch a documentary on
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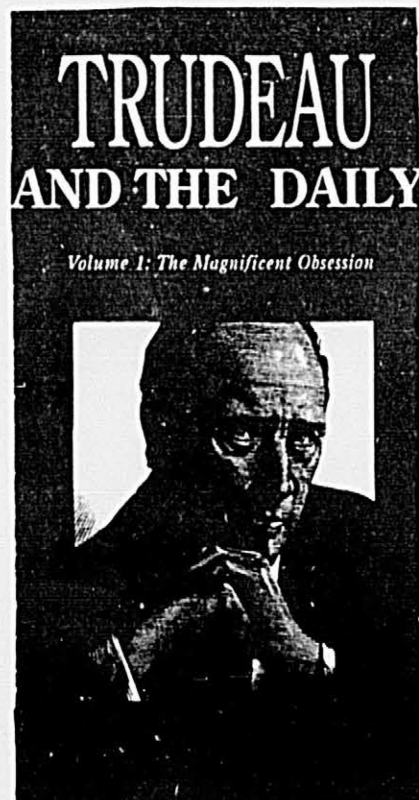
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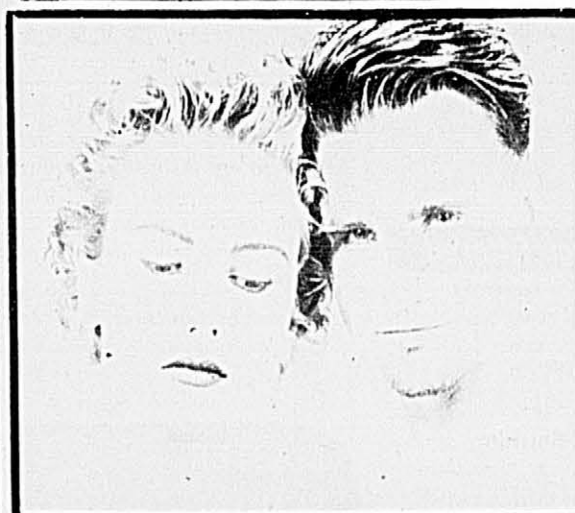
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— But who am I, really? you ask your handlers.

They inform you that your name is George Bush. The year is 1979. You have finally become your own man, they say, having chosen to stand by the moderate Republicanism that your father practiced as Senator from Connecticut years before. You are bravely challenging Ronald Reagan, the charismatic governor of California, whose economic theory proclaims that cuts in taxes will actually raise government revenue. "Voodoo economics!" you call it.

Then, after your handlers pull you out of bed, Ronald Reagan offers you the vice-presidency. Do you accept?

If so, go to 4.

If not, go to 6.

GEORGE BUSH CHOOSE^{your own} ECONOMY

2

The budget debacle is dragging on interminably.

The Democrats want to stick a tax hike on the rich, and the Republicans want a cut in capital gains. Neither party wants to be responsible for raising the cost of Medicare. But they've got to produce a budget, with the cuts demanded by Gramm-Rudman, or many government services will simply shut down.

You take a brave stand and announce a 5-year plan to cut deficits by \$500 billion. But, regrettably, you have no Congress. The leftest of Democrats and rightest of Republicans all stride out of the House in protest. The deadline comes, there is no budget, and the governmental shutdown begins.

Go to 17.

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3

You agree with your Republican peers and change your position on the tax issue — for the second time in two days. You lean on your intercom and tell the other end that you will raise taxes after all.

You decide an hour later to announce your opposition to raising any taxes. Go to 10.

You decide to lie back and read some of your favorite Horatio Alger first.

Go to 8.

4

You pause momentarily, but decide to accept. *Gain 5 points!* Campaigning at a Carolina college, you tell your audience, "I'll be glad to reply to or dodge your questions, depending on what I think will help our election most."

In the words of your old friend C. Fred Chambers, an oil company executive, "George understands that you have to do politically prudent things to get in a position to do what you want."

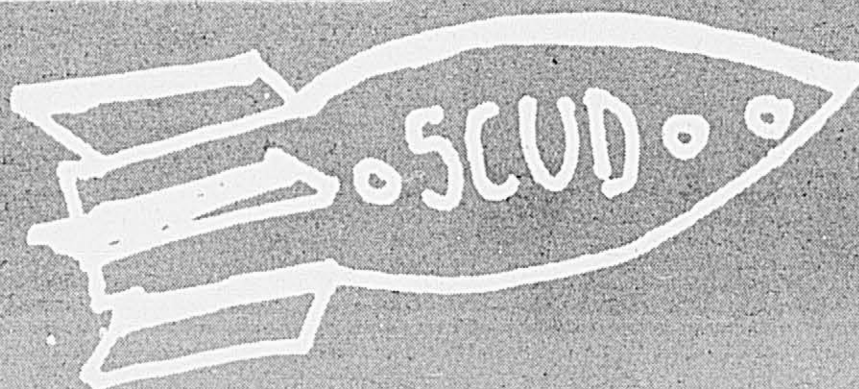
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5

You and Dan pass a pleasant afternoon over a few drinks. As you re-fill his glass, you notice he's tense, and you gently ask him if anything's wrong. He admits to feeling some nervousness over an elementary school spelling bee he's planning to attend in a couple of years. You notice several words written neatly on the palm of his hand, including *tomatoe*, *potatoe*, and *avocadoe*.

When you're finished drinking, you pick up the phone.

Go to 9.



2

6

You choose to follow your own vision and reject Reagan's offer. *Lose 5 points.* You retire with your family, in Texas, and start reading books.

Or, change your mind.
Go to 4.

7

Your former boss, Ronald Reagan, is being interviewed on the Larry King show. "I do believe," he says, "with all my heart that, unless there is a withdrawal, we have no choice but to use force to get Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait."

You nod thoughtfully.
Go to 3.

8

You leaf through *Ragged Dick*, the story of a shoe-shine boy who achieves wealth and happiness with a little pluck. You cast your mind over the great expanse of America's social classes, and wonder how many Ragged Dicks there are in the U.S. today. The answer? 23.8% of white children, 43.5% of Hispanic children, and 57.9% of black children, are the Ragged Dicks of poverty. Those with determination will surely run the country some day.

Go to 10.

9

You have your aides tell the press to forget about any turn-around on the tax issue. You have officially changed your mind, on the same day. Two days later, a group of House Republicans lean on you to go back and raise taxes after all.

Do you agree? *Go to 3.*
Or would you rather watch Larry King first? *Go to 7.*

10

For the third time, you change your stance on the tax issue. You inform the public that there will be no tax hikes on Americans of any kind.

You are now at ease with yourself. Yet, somehow, you feel that the tax tide is rising against you.

Go to 2.

11

It reads:

The budget is becoming a nightmare!

Remember your "no new taxes" pledge?

Well I told people our debt for fiscal '91 would be \$63 billion. Now it's pushing \$300 billion!

America has got to bear down and face the facts! Taxes are coming! The '80s are over!

You feel dizzy and bolt out of the washroom.

Go to 15.

12

—All right, I'll raise taxes, you say. But make sure we get a cut in the capital gains tax.

Darmin takes a note. He looks up to you:

—But you know, George, this tax break will only help those making over \$200 000 a year.

You nod happily.

—The Democrats will do everything they can to make us look like the party of the rich.

You decide to create a foreign policy crisis to divert liberals' attention. *Go to 18.*

Or, you face the public with your broken tax promise. *Go to 14.*

13

You find your way to the presidential washroom. Sitting down, you're overcome by the feeling that you are being watched. At the appropriate moment you tug on the toilet paper roll.

The first sheet reads,

URGENT

To George

from

Richard "Charmin" Darmin

Do you read on? *Go to 11.*

Or make a break for it? *Go to 16.*

14

Your reversal on "no new taxes" hits America like a bomb. Your approval rating teeters over the abyss. Leftists claim publicly that you lack "vision".

Do you change your mind on taxes that same afternoon? *Go to 9.*

Or would you rather wait and have a drink with Dan Quayle? *Go to 5.*

GEORGE BUSH
CHOOSE your own ECONOMY

15

You reel down the hall and find Charmin' Darmin right at your heels.

—Congress is out to break your "no new taxes" pledge! he cries. They're pushing excise levies on beer, cigarettes, gas, yachts! They're cutting back on farm supports and student loans! And, worst of all, they're boosting the cost of Medicare!

You keep walking.

—Mr. President, if we don't cut \$100 billion from the budget, the Gramm-Rudman law's spending cuts will force us to fire thousands of civil servants!

You begin to slow your pace.

—Moreover, George, in mid-June the economy took a real hit. Corporate profits fell. So did federal tax receipts. We need money *now*.

You tell Darmin you're willing to raise taxes, if Congress can somehow make it up to your Team 100 friends. *Go to 12.*

You say you'll raise taxes, if you can refocus the public attention on some foreign policy issue. *Go to 18.*

16

You bolt out of the stall, only to find a message scrawled on the mirror in Congressional blood.

Go to 11.

17

Or does it? Congress gives itself an extension of 3 weeks, and finally comes up with big plans for the future. \$500 billion will be cut in the next 5 years — although this year only \$40 billion is being removed. That bid adieu to the Gramm-Rudman requirements. And probably, after the S&L banks are rejuvenated, and the Persian Gulf situation resolved, that \$40 billion will look a lot more like \$30 or \$20 billion.

Speaking of the Persian Gulf, it looks like you've got a war to fight. *Go to 30.*

18

Darmin makes a note.

—Right, he says. A foreign policy issue...

You consider the possibilities.

—You know what? you say. Tell that ambassador we have in Iraq, April Glaspie... Have her tell Hussein that we have "no opinion on... Arab-Arab conflicts, like your border dispute with Kuwait." He's got that war machine we gave him, which we'll have to shut down eventually anyway.

Darmin says he'll pass it on. *Go to 14.*

19

You lie back and bask in the seemingly endless glow of post-war victory. Polls show that you are one of the most popular presidents in U.S. history.

But then, without warning, darkness falls: people on television start talking about the economy.

You search frantically for Budget Director Charmin' Darmin, and find him still clinging to the wing of your presidential plane.

—Darmin! you cry, extending your hand.

He takes out a 1216-page volume titled "Budget" and beats you with it. You invite him down to talk, but he says he'd rather just keep holding on.

If you present your budget to the public, *go to 23.*

If you prepare a few funny jokes first, *go to 27.*

20

Because you're now the President of the United States, you get a big airplane too. It's a jumbo jet called Air Force One, and it can fly very high, although not "33 000 miles up in the air over the Atlantic Ocean," as vice-president Dan Quayle estimated.

On long trips, your jumbo jet will be followed by an identical back-up jet. Above both jumbos will be one ever-circling warplane ready to scoop you up in case of a nuclear attack.

You invite a friendly Republican reporter to interview you during a flight. He plops into the chair beside you and asks what you want to talk about.

If you say Reaganomics, *go to 25.*

If you say deregulation, *go to 21.*

4

GEORGE BUSH

CHOOSE ^{your own} ECONOMY

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22

9 YEARS LATER...

It is November, 1988. Your handlers have helped you to lead a kind, gentle campaign for the presidency — and you have won. Now, as you stand under a banner that displays only your name, you are ready to follow your own personal vision.

As one of your senior handlers puts it, "We inherited a situation that was basically A.O.K. People were happy with the status quo... With a few changes here and there, Republicans could rule forever."

But where does social revolution begin?

You decide to start off by continuing what you were most proud of during the Reagan years.

Is it Reagan's big aeroplane? *Go to 20.*

Or Reaganomics? You talk it over on your jet with a friendly Republican reporter. *Go to 25.*

21

—Deregulation, you explain to the reporter, means taking away government restrictions on business. That means having a free, capitalist society.

—For example, when I headed Reagan's deregulatory drive, Savings and Loan Banks were allowed to invest more freely, to gamble, and — as it turned out — to lose, big money. But don't worry, because all of those deposits were *federally guaranteed*, so tax dollars will eventually reimburse those losses. I'd say that during my first presidential term, that'll cost America around \$100 billion.

—But even though I hate regulations, you add, I do pledge to cut back on acid rain, clean up American wetlands, and curb global warming, which is caused by industrial gases.

The reporter reminds you that you signed a bill just yesterday to regulate 189 hazardous air pollutants.

—That's right, you say. But after signing it, I declared that the government should rely more on the marketplace to regulate itself, to let industry "find the best solutions".

—That's free enterprise! says the reporter. And now? he asks. What are your plans for the next four years?

If you haven't talked about Reaganomics, you preface your plans with an explanation of the '80s economy. *Go to 25.*

If you have talked about Reaganomics, you decide that actions speak louder than words — and you order your pilot to land immediately. *Go to 34.*

23

"We must have a short-term plan to address our immediate needs and heat up the economy," you say. "And then we need a long-term plan to keep the combustion going and to guarantee our place in the world economy."

But can those plans work together? Well, if you want to think short-term (anti-recession), you have to spend money to stimulate the economy — and thereby increase the deficit. But if you want to think about the U.S. in the long-term, you have to decrease the deficit.

So what to do? You refer to your copy of the budget for answers. You find a page which proclaims that "a sustained upturn will soon begin." You smile! In another chapter, however, you read that "Here at home, the euphoria of summer has been displaced by another winter's gloom. The domestic economy has not recovered in the manner that had been widely forecast." Confused, you return home.

Suddenly, there's a knock at the door. *Go to 42.*

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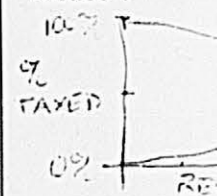
When you land on U.S. soil, you meet a barrage of bad news. Advisors whisk you away and tell you that your approval rating is down to 48%. Eight of ten Americans say the economy is in bad shape; 53% think you went to Japan "mainly for show"; and, worst of all, 52% think that a President can change a recession.

—Jesus, you say. Can it get any worse?

The unemployment rate, at 7.1%, is the highest in over 5 years. Three hundred thousand Americans lost their jobs in December 1991. Almost 9 million are currently unemployed.

Go to 26.

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26

You become intensely depressed about life in general. You're not sure if it's because of the economy, or because of all this Halcion you're taking. It helps you to sleep when you fly away to foreign countries, but now you're feeling the usual side-effects — like cloudy judgement, sudden confidence, dread, panic, and wild intensity.

These reactions become particularly acute on your four-city trip to New Hampshire. "I am sick and tired every night hearing one of those carping little Democrats jumping all over my you-know-what," you cry. And, goddamit, you've had enough of "jacklegs jumping up demanding equal time with some screwy scheme".

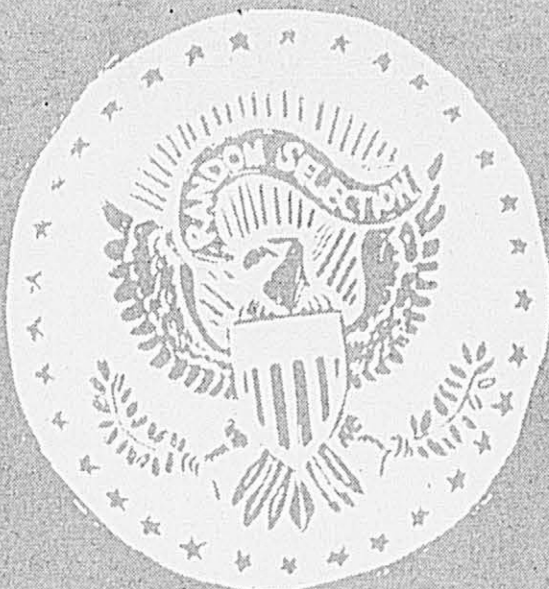
In a philosophical moment, you quote the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band: "If you want to see a rainbow, you've got to stand a little rain." The American people like that, but feel confused a little later on when you call the group "the Nitty Ditty Nitty Gritty Great Bird".

Later, one citizen offers sympathy for your terrible political problems. "Don't cry for me, Argentina!" you respond. When another good American asks whether you'd extend unemployment benefits, you say, "If a frog had wings, he wouldn't hit his tail on the ground. Too hypothetical."

You suddenly remember that Halcion is an Upjohn product. And that Upjohn has been all over the press for its failure to meet public health regulations. But then, you never liked regulations anyway.

Upjohn influences your last few economic decisions.

Go to 28.



29

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger skip off for Paris and London to seek promises of financial "burden sharing" in the Gulf. The European Community is also planning an aid package of about \$3 billion to Egypt, Jordan, Turkey, and to poorer nations who were hit by rising oil prices. Oil just went up 6.6% today in New York.

Go to 32.

27

When January rolls around, you get up before the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and introduce yourself. You tell them that the last few weeks "have been pretty high pressure... what with all the experts and the instant analysis and the columnists giving unsolicited advice. Thank goodness the Super Bowl is over."

The Philadelphia audience, apparently puzzled by your remark, offers a few polite chuckles.

Now the time has come to talk budget. You explain what you have learned from your perusal of Darmin's document.

Go to 23.

30

When Saddam Hussein invades his tiny Arab neighbor, Energy Secretary James D. Watkins locks himself in the bathroom. You knock frantically, but get no response. Apparently, Iraq and Kuwait used to export 700 000 barrels of oil a day to the U.S. — before the United Nations embargo took hold.

That afternoon, Watkins slips an energy conservation plan under the door.

It reads:

U.S. Conservation Policy

- 1) Inflate automobile tires to full pressure
- 2) Only drive cars that have good mileage
- 3) Observe speed limits

When news of Watkins' plan hits the streets, environmentalists hit the roof. You remember having called yourself the environmental president, so you quickly get on the horn and ask Watkins about fuel-efficiency regulations.

He says, "We don't see any benefit to raise all those controversial issues now and bog down the debate on things which can really give us barrel-per-day savings..."

With all this talk of the economy, you get inspired and decide to open your bills.

Go to 33.

28

In June, representatives from 170 countries meet in Rio to propose an international environmental clean-up plan. You refuse to sign the biodiversity pact, which would have protected plant and animal life from extinction worldwide.

Then, when riots break out in several U.S. cities after the Rodney King trial, your administration fingers social welfare programs of the '60s and '70s as the cause of urban decay. This is interesting, considering that Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty helped cut America's poverty rate almost in half.

So. What are your plans now? A reporter walks up and asks you that very question.

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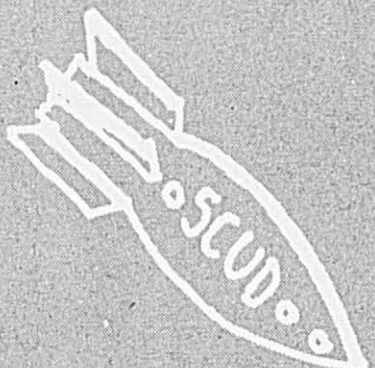
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Lost in recollections of your fishing retreats, you feel the presence of the earth's lakes and forests and free-roaming natural species. Nature is our companion, and it *does* create our home and life-support system on this tiny planet we call Earth. Formaldehyde and coke oven emissions have no place here.

Lose 5 points. You retire with your family to Texas and become thoughtful. Or, have a change of heart. *Go to 40.*

32

You get a call from your handlers in the bathroom. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney pipes up:

—The Gulf should cost us \$17.7 billion through September, he says. And if things go well, about half that should be paid by oil-producing Arab states.

—Uh-huh, you say. And how big did the Jap and Kraut pocketbooks turn out to be?

—Uh...yeah, says Brady. Well, the Japanese, who get 70% of their oil from the Gulf, pledged...one billion dollars.

You scream.

—And so far, they've given the Responsibility Sharing Program only \$374 million, 40 000 Sony Walkmans... and a few Toyotas. And the West Germans pledged, well... nothing, sir.

You jump up and down.

You decide to calm yourself by Addressing Congress, *go to 36.*

Seeing how the economy is doing, *go to 39.*

33

You loaf around the house a while, imagining MIGs roaring through the desert skies. Suddenly you see a point-of-view shot of a smart bomb drifting out over a munitions factory. It drops straight down the chimney. That's precision!

And hey, why not show films of real bombs to Americans on TV? But better make sure they only see the bombs that land on target, and not on screaming civilians. You make a note to censor the press.

Then you pick your bills up off the coffeetable: Wow! You can't believe your eyes! War is going to be expensive!

You call around town for your handlers, and finally find them smoking in the presidential washroom.

You boldly tell them that America must go on a selling campaign to get foreign war dollars. You're planning to boost U.S. troop deployment up to half a million in early November, and there's no way that American suburbs are going to foot the entire Saudi defense bill.

—Get Brady and Eagleburger on it! you cry, and you return to your MIG fantasies.

Go to 29.

34

As the plane lands, you notice Budget Director Richard Charmin' Darmin pressing his face against your window. He clutches a file folder that reads, "Budget". You're beginning to have second thoughts about him.

You deplane and have your handlers pull Darmin down off the wing.

—Darmin! you cry, extending your hand. Steer the course! Thousand point of light!

He crumbles to his knees.

—Mr. President! Mr. President! You've been in office a year, and all you've done is ride your aeroplane! The economy is crumbling!

Do you say,

"This will not stand"? *Go to 37.*

or

"Read my lips"? *Go to 37.*

35

The "passive loss" rule lets developers of failed buildings make their money back through big tax write-offs — and also explains why vacant offices and malls are depressing the real estate markets of the '90s.

Soon, a dozen real estate organizations and four Team 100 leaders come to meet with you. You then ask Congress to bring back the old rule to help "active real estate developers". If Congress does bring back "passive loss", it should only cost taxpayers about \$2.5 billion over the next 5 years.

Now that you're becoming a man of action, you decide to fight government regulation: *Go to 38.*

If you've already done that, or you're feeling rather prudent at the moment, *go to 13.*

36

You look over your upcoming address to a joint session of Congress. When you get to a moving part, you decide to practise reading aloud in front of the mirror.

"Out of these troubled times... a new world order can emerge... A world where the rule of law supplants the rule of the jungle."

The crowd goes wild. But then you realize that this might end up sounding like bullshit, especially if the U.S. kills hundreds of thousands of Iraqi civilians, and then neglects to install a democratic government. But you keep reading anyway.

"And let me also make clear that the United States has no quarrel with the Iraqi people. Our quarrel is with Iraq's dictator, and with his aggression."

If you haven't looked over the economy, you may do so. *Go to 39.*

If you have looked over the economy, or you don't care about the economy, *go to 41.*

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37

Darmin watches enigmatically as you march off the tarmac.

Your head is spinning with regulations. But where will you begin?

Maybe you should start by deciding where your allegiance lies.

In the fate of the world environment, go to 31.

In U.S. business, go to 40.

38

You affirm your commitment to deregulation by adopting your predecessor's philosophy: let the vice-president handle it. In June of 1990 you let Dan Quayle unleash the Council of Competitiveness, a group of roughly a dozen unknown men who cut back on the EPA's plans for clean-air regulations and open vital wetlands for development (even though you'd promised to protect them).

Quayle responds to criticisms of this "Secret Council" by saying that governmental regulation risks the *lives* of the American people.

Now that you've made your deregulatory stand... what's left?

If you haven't tried to bring back the "passive loss" rule, go to 35.

If you have, go to 13.

39

So, how is the U.S. economy? You sit down with a fresh copy of the *Post* and peruse the headlines. A few minutes of casual reading tells you that the U.S. is suffering its longest recession since the Great Depression. You fumble around. It's time to call back the boys in the bathroom...

One of your handlers picks up.

—Jesus, boys, you say, pouring yourself a drink. The economy looks... just terrible. I thought we worked out all those numbers problems in last year's budget.

—Yeah, well, let me tell you, George, says a handler. You kind of screwed up on that agreement.

—What do you mean, I screwed up! I was listening to you guys!

—Well... you see, George, the way it's worked out is that by cutting the deficit, our economy stagnated, and we got a record-high deficit.

—What?

—But don't worry. We're telling America that the deficit will be only \$200 billion in '93, and under \$100 billion by '96.

—Good, good...

Just the thought of those low numbers invigorates you.

If you decide it's time to explain war to Congress, go to 36.

If you've already looked over your Congressional address, or if you don't care about Congress, and just want war, go to 41.

40

You take the Entertainment section from the reporter and write some logic in the margin.

Politicians need money to win

Big business gives politicians money for favors

My allegiance is to big business
You pause to think fondly of Team 100, the 249 people who each gave at least \$100 000 to your 1988 campaign. They are truly your friends.

And just to show where your allegiance lies, it's time to help them out a little. But how?

Fight government regulation. Go to 38.

Finally bring back that "passive loss" rule for real estate investments. Go to 35.

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41

On January 16, you announce that "The liberation of Kuwait has begun." Air and missile attacks commence. On February 23, after Hussein refuses to leave Kuwait, you start the ground war. Iraq loses in five days.

So how about the bills? Well, the Pentagon had planned on months of battle and thousands of casualties — and a \$70 billion war. But in April, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that the short war had cost only \$40 billion. Yet your officials stand by the original \$70 billion idea — 80% of which will be paid by allies.

In the words of Lawrence Kork, a Pentagon official under the Reagan administration, "From the beginning of the conflict, the Pentagon tried to use this off-budget and foreign-funded account to off-set the reductions mandated by last fall's budget agreement."

Now that the Desert Storm has subsided, go to 19.

42

—I'll get it, honey! you say, bouncing down the steps.

You open the front door and see the bulging face of Lee Iacocca. Behind him the veranda is packed with prominent chief executive officers.

—We've got a \$40 billion trade deficit with Japan, he says. And we want to take action. Now.

—Well... you say. The deficit with Japan has dropped \$16 billion since 1987.

—Look, says Lee. They have a third of our auto market. Last year, America didn't even take .05% of theirs. They are *not* buying American cars. Now, I ask you: why is that?

—Because they like German cars better?

Lee bites the door.

—Because American car manufacturers don't put the steering wheel on the right side of their Japanese exports?

—Wrong, Lee says. It's because every U.S. product that gets over Japan's tariff wall becomes 40% more expensive.

—Hm, you say. Well, how about we all go for a spin in my jumbo?

The CEOs begin to chant:

—Re-el-lection, '92... Re-el-lection, '92. Re-el-lection, '92!

You all run down to the tarmac and fly away.

When you arrive in Japan, will you...

Go to a state dinner at the home of Japanese Prime Minister Miyazawa? Go to 43.

Visit Japan's beautiful Shishinden Palace? Go to 45.

Or stay by the phone for updates on Japanese trade concessions? Go to 44.

43

On the second day of your trip, you go with Barbara to Prime Minister Miyazawa's for dinner.

The cuisine is delectable, but you throw it up all over yourself, roll around in your chair and lean against the Japanese Prime Minister, who kindly cradles your head before the television cameras. Barbara reassures the crowd that everything is fine while you lie in your vomit.

When you come to, you look up at Miyazawa and say, "Why don't you roll me under the table and I'll sleep it off while you finish dinner."

Have you heard about Japan's trade concessions? If not, go to 44.

Have you visited the Shishinden Palace? If not, go to 45.

If you've done both of these, you head home to a public assessment of your trip. Go to 24.

44

You go straight to your hotel and get on the horn with your man at the negotiating table.

—We're just wrapping up now, he says. We got the Japs up to a \$19 billion pledge to buy U.S. cars and parts over the next 3 years.

—Right. So I'll tell the public... that the agreement will create 200 000 new jobs by 1995.

—Whatever.

You smile and hang up.

Have you gone to the Prime Minister's for dinner? If not, go to 43.

Have you seen the Shishinden Palace? If not, go to 45.

If you've done both of these, then it's time to head back home. Go to 24.

45

On tour at Japan's ancient Shishinden Palace, you see several men in ceremonial garb playing what looks like hacky-sack. Unaware that they are engaged in the 1000 year-old game of Kemari, you jump in, steal away the deer-skin ball and start bouncing it on your head. When they tell you that you're breaking the rules, you walk away and tell the Japanese, "We won."

That night, at a nearby hotel, you tell 200 Japanese and U.S. students on a university exchange program, "I want the people of our countries to have a better understanding of one another."

Have you had dinner at the Prime Minister's yet? If not, go to 43.

Have you heard about Japanese trade concessions? If not, go to 44.

If you've done both of these, it's time to head back home. Go to 24.

46

The reporter stares into your soul.

—What is your most important domestic policy goal for next term? he asks.

"Single goal?" you say, imagining a second term. "There are several goals and I've been spelling them all out."

You wait to see if this washes. You add:

"If you had to single out one, education covers so many of these fields and our goals to achieve those goals cover more, because I'm talking about — one of them is being ready to learn... And another one is a place where you can learn... So when I talk about education, I'm talking about all of these things."

The reporter looks puzzled as you take a deep breath and walk away. You head up to the Oval Office for an intelligence briefing. The time has come to meet with your handlers and try to start a good war so you can win the 1992 Presidential election.

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